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SUBJECT: LOW CONFERENCE: ARAB POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AS SEEN BY

GVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI

1. IN MEETING WITH GVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI JAN 27 (REPORTED SPTEL), HE ALSO DWELT AS SOME LENGTH ON THE ARAB POSITION. SAUDI ARABIA HAD ASSURED HIM THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE PRG. BUT THIS ASSURANCE WAS CONDITIONED ON SOME OTHER ARAB STATES (THE SAUDIS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED OMAN, LEBANON, AND KUWAIT AS EXAMPLES) TAKING THE SAME STAND. USDEL OFFICER GAVE VAN LOI OUR INFORMATION THAT OMAN LOOKED REASONABLY FIRM AGAINST PRG (MUSCAT 115) BUT THAT KUWAIT HAD SAID IT WOULD ABSTAIN (KUWAIT 299).

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2. VAN LOI HAD JUST BEEN TOLD BY JORDAN'S REP IN GENEVA THAT JORDAN WILL VOTE AGAINST THE PRG. JORDAN HAD BEEN INFLUENCED, VAN LOI SAID, BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SAUDI ARABIA PLANNED TO VOTE THIS WAY. THIS FURTHER CONVINCED VAN LOI THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS A KEY ARAB VOTE.

3. ON THE PLO ISSUE, VAN LOI WAS HOPEFUL ON THE BASIS OF HIS OBSERVATIONS THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BYPASS THIS QUESTION. HE HAD NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT THE PLO PEOPLE IN GENEVA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE GEARING UP FOR A FIGHT ON IT. THEY MIGHT NOT PRESS FOR ANYTHING BEYOND THEIR PRESENT OBSERVER STATUS. VAN LOI ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALGERIANS COULD ACTIVATE THE ISSUE AT ANY TIME. DALE

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